

THE
AGREEMENTS
MADE BETWEEN
HIS MAJESTY

AND THE
KNIGHTS, GENTLEMEN,

Free-Holders, and Inhabitants of the
County of BERKS, for the Better
Provision and Ordering of His
MAJESTIES Army.



AND
A DECLARATION

Of His MAJESTIES gratiours
Acceptation thereof;

AND
His Royall Poclamation com-
manding the due obſervation
thereof in all Parts.

Printed by His MAJESTIES Command
At OXFORD, Octob. 19.

By LEONARD LICHFIELD, Printer
to the Univerſity. 1643.

55. d. 132

100
90
80
70
60
50
40
30
20
10
0

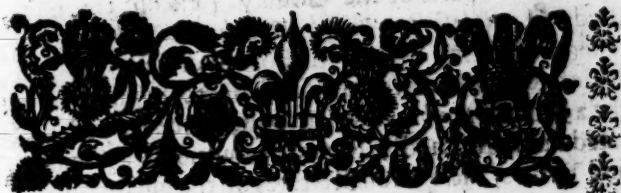
THE
AGREEMENT
MADE BETWEEN
THE

UNITED STATES
AND
THE

AND
THE

AND
THE

AND
THE



A T
A COUNCELL
OF WARRE HELD

the 13. of October 1643.

HIS MAJESTY

being Present.



His day the High Sheriffe, Gentlemen,
and Free-holders of the County of
Berks, did present to His Majesty their
Agreement, on the behalfe of all the
Inhabitants of that County, which was
in this manner following.

First, they doe agree to pay by way of Loane, during
the space of a Moneth, a weekly contribution of 1000^l
by the week, towards the maintenance of the Kings
Army, out of that County, to be proportionably laid

upon all the parts of the County (except the hundreds of *Riplesmere, Bray, Cookham, Banbury,* and *Wargrave*, lying within the Forrest division, which are left to His Majesty to dispose of, to beginne from the 29. of September now last past, to be leyved and rated upon the Lands, Rents, Annuities, Parsonages, and Tythes, and Personall estates of the inhabitants of the whole County (except before excepted) in such manner, and according to such proportions, as by the ancient and usuall course of the severall parts of the County rates laid upon the County have been rated and leyved.

That the one halfe of the said 1000^l by the week shall be paid in mony, and the other halfe in provisions, and for the provisions they shall be of such sorts as the Souldiers shall desire at the rates hereunder written, *viz.*

Oates to be rated at 20^d the Bushell.

Beanes and Pease at 2^s 3^d the Bushell.

Hay at 5^d the Todde.

Grasse for a horse at 3^s the Week-

Straw at 10^s the Load. And so after those rates for a greater and lesser quantity; But it to be alwaies at the election of the parties paying, to pay the whole Rate in mony, if they so please.

That if any losse or dammage shall happen to any of the Inhabitants either in their Horses or other Cattell, or in any of their provisions or other goods by any of the Kings Souldiers, that such losse or dammage shall be repayed and recompenced to the party suffering out of the said weekly Loane.

That

That all the provisions to be delivered according to this Agreement, shall be delivered at the Towne of *Abingdon* on Friday in every Week, or at such other places as shall be mutually agreed upon, and the delivery to bee on such daies in every Week, as shall bee likewise agreed upon, to the hands of the Collectors or Commissaries to be to that purpose appoynted, who shall then also receive the mony to be paid according to this Agreement, and Books shall bee kept wherein shall bee set what shall bee paid in Mony, and what and how much in Provisions, and from whom, and by whom the same is paid, that so the defaulters may also appeare, and be proceeded against accordingly for such their default.

That the Defalcations or Reparations to be made to any according to this Agreement shall be held good, and allowed of whensoever it shall be set downe and allowed under the hands of any three of the Commissioners named in the Commission for settling of this Contribution. And if the Losse or Damage amount to more then the party damnified in his own particular should pay for that week, then the Reparation to be made up and repayed to the party grieved by the High Constable or Collector of that part of the County, upon warrant under the hands of any three of the said Commissioners allowing the same as aforesaid, and if any Hundred, Parish, or particular Person, shall make default of payment, that Hundred, Parish, or Person, so making default, shall be left to the care and discretion of the Commander of that part of the Kings Army next to the place where such default shall be, and

for the supply of whom that part shall be allotted.

That no manner of free-quarter or billeting shall be taken by or for any Horse or Foot Souldiers, nor any Taxe, Charge, or Imposition whatsoever shall be laid upon or required from any Inhabitant of this County, without present payment for the same in money, as they shall agree by consent except only for House-room according to the quality of the Person Billeted, and of the Person in whose House he is so Billeted, and except for Fire & Candle, such as the Master, Mistresse, or Dame of the Family use for themselves and their own Family.

That no Women Boyes or Children following the Army, be admitted from henceforth, to have House-rooms, unless it be by consent, and by Composition with the owner of the House for the same.

That the high Constables in every Hundred respectively be the immediate Collectors both of the Moneys and Provisions from the Inhabitants, paying the same; and they to pay the same over to the high Sheriffe of the County, or such as he shall appoint, at the times and places before mentioned, and they to pay or deliver the same to such Officers of the Army as shall be appointed to receive and distribute the same unto and amongst the Souldiers.

And because the said Weekly summe of a 1000^l was formerly laid upon the whole County, whereof the five Hundreds above mentioned were parcell: It is now ordered, that such summe of money parcell of the said 1000^l, which the said five Hundreds should have borne, and are now excepted as aforesaid, shall by the Rule of proportion bee rated and layed upon the rest of the County.

That

That these Agreements be settled by order of the Councell of Warre, and entred with the Secretary of that Councell, to the end that all Commanders, Officers, and Souldiers, may take knowledge of and observe the same.

And it is further desired by the County, and on their behalfe, that the Lords and others His Majesties Commissioners, would by their Order, as much as in them lyeth, confirme the same, and give life to the due execution thereof, and that His Majesty by His Royall Proclamation will bee pleased to Command the due Execution and observation thereof, in all the parts thereof. And His Majesty having perused these Agreements, and declared his Gracious Approbation thereof, now according to the Request made on the behalfe of the Country, The Lords and other His Majesties Commissioners doe order, That they will be ready to give their best assistance, that these Agreements shall be duely observed; that they will constantly meet in the Audite-house, there to receive the complaints of the Country, if there shall be cause, and as there shall be cause to recommend the Redresse of what shall be amisse in any part, either to the Kings Majesty, or to the Councell of Warre, if the Lords themselves shall not have the meanes otherwise to redresse the same. And to the end that the County may have a convenient opportunity, upon all occasions, to present their complaints when there shall be cause, they doe with one consent make choyce of *William Hynton* Esquire, one of the Gentlemen of His Majesties privy-Chamber, and one of the Inhabitants amongst them, to performe that good office for them from time to time, which His Majesty doth very well approve.

All

All which His Majesty doth very well approve of, and doth Command it to be Printed and published, in every Church and Chappell of the County, to the end that notice being generally taken thereof, all Persons of all qualities, whom it doth or may concerne, may apply themselves to the performance thereof.

And further, His Majesty being desirous that so good a worke may not perish in the Execution, which is the life of all good actions, doth by this His Royall Proclamation declare, That as he doubteth not, but that the Inhabitants of this County will on their parts observe the same, and will continue it, as long as the necessity shall continue, which His Majesty will, by all possible meanes he can, endeavour to shorten and ease, so He doth strictly Charge and Command, That on the part of the Souldiers the same be duely observed; And that if any Souldier, of what quality soever, presume to breake these Agreements, or to offend contrary to the same, That every such offendor shall be severely proceeded against, according to the quality of his offence, that by the Exemplary punishment of some, others may be warned and deterred from committing the like, His Majesty being resolved, as on the one side, to punish those who will not be admonished, according to the due course of Iustice, so on the other side, to reward those who have and shall deserve well by their good Examples, according to their severall qualities and deservings, as soone as it shall please God to enable Him thereunto. *Given at His Majesties Court at Oxford, the 17 day of October, in the Nineteenth Yeare of His Majesties Raigne. 1643.*

How yow shob y **FINIS.**

1
1
d
s
2-